



Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office

Operations Directorate — Fact Sheet

**Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction 3270.01,
Personnel Recovery within the Department of Defense**

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BACKGROUND: This instruction provides operational guidance implementing our DoD Directive 2310.2, Personnel Recovery. The guidance in this instruction provides a framework to prepare for and conduct operations to support and recover captured, missing, or isolated personnel from danger. DoD, through the Services and USSOCOM, maintains conventional and unconventional capabilities to support geographic combatant command personnel recovery requirements. These capabilities include civil search and rescue (SAR), combat search and rescue (CSAR), evasion and recovery (E&R), and the coordination of negotiated as well as forcible recovery options when directed by the National Command Authorities (NCA). Personnel recovery may occur through one or more of the following options: military actions; diplomatic initiatives; and steps taken by non-governmental organizations and other U.S. Government (USG) agencies. Also, to prepare DoD personnel for the possibility of becoming isolated from friendly forces, DoD maintains a survival, evasion, resistance, and escape (SERE) and Code of Conduct training program. The combatant commanders integrate these personnel recovery capabilities with SERE and Code of Conduct training, in accordance with joint doctrine, into a cohesive personnel recovery program to support operations across the range of military operations within their geographic area of responsibility (AOR).

DISCUSSION: The Operations Directorate works very closely with J3 (Special Operations Division) [J3(SOD)] on personnel recovery. J3(SOD) is our entry point into the Joint Staff for personnel recovery. This instruction is the first Joint Staff document to outline Services and USSOCOM responsibilities with respect to Personnel Recovery.

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